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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9. (canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing products in a plurality of types having different specifications, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) manufacturing products from intermediate products;
- b) when adding address information to the products-manufactured from intermediate products, each address information uniquely identifying a respective intermediate product before the intermediate product is used in step a); and
- c) are to be fed with a plurality of feed means and supplied to a single feed line with transfer means, adding address information in said intermediate products before becoming said products to said products, and feeding said transferring the products together with saidthe address information with from a plurality of feed means to a single feed line via a transfer means;

wherein a sequence of the transferring in step c) is determined by

storing a preceding address information in a memory associated with the transfer means, the holding, as preceding address information, said being the address information of a preceding one of the products which that has been supplied immediately before transferred to said the single feed line by said transfer means; and

selecting another transferring a subsequent one of said the products to the single feed line, the subsequent one of the products to which said having address information

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held-in a predetermined relationship to saidthe preceding address information is added, and supplying the other one of the selected products to said feed line with said transfer means.

- 11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein saidthe address information comprises positional information on saidthe intermediate products which become saidthe products.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11, wherein saidthe positional information comprises slit numbers successively defined in a <u>first</u> direction of cut webs as said intermediate products and block numbers successively defined in <u>anothera second</u> direction which is substantially perpendicular to <u>saidthe first</u> direction.
- 13. (Currently) An apparatus for manufacturing products in a plurality of types having different specifications, the apparatus comprising the steps of:

a plurality of feed means for feeding products manufactured from intermediate products; a single feed line for feeding said products fed by said feed means;

transfer means for transferring said products fed by said feed means to said single feed line;

address information holding means for holding address information that is associated with said products, each address information uniquely identifying a respective in said

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is used to manufacture a respective product;

preceding address information holding means for holding, asstoring a preceding address information, said preceding address information being said address information of a preceding one of said products which that has been supplied immediately before transferred to said single feed line by said transfer means;

product selecting means for selecting another a subsequent one of said products to be transferred to said single feed line, said subsequent one of said products to which said having address information held in a predetermined relationship to said preceding address information—is added; and

means for supplying the other one of the products selected by said product selecting means from said feed means to said feed line.

- 14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said transfer means includes a plurality of transfer units means, said product selecting means comprising means for selecting one of said products whose address information is held in a predetermined relationship to said address information of another one of said products which has been supplied immediately before to said feed means by said plurality of transfer means.
- 15. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said address information comprises positional information on said intermediate products which become said products.

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